

REMARKS

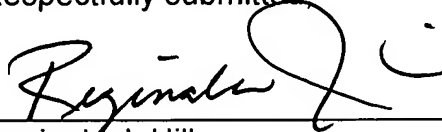
Applicants' attorney gratefully acknowledges the courtesy extended by Examiner Kim T. Huynh in the telephone interview of October 3, 2006. In the interview, independent claim 1 and AAPA (Applicants Admitted Prior Art) were discussed, but no agreement was reached.

The foregoing amendment more particularly and distinctly claims the invention. More specifically, amended independent claims 1 and 13 are not disclosed by the prior art, and hence, are patentable. The examiner's rejections to claims 1, 10, 11 and 13 are overcome. Claims 2-8 and 12 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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